



January 4, 2012

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**Subject: Willamette Cove Upland Facility
Quarterly Progress Report – October through December 2011
ECSI No. 2066**

Dear Ken:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with a quarterly progress report on behalf of the Port of Portland (Port) and Metro for the Willamette Cove Upland Facility (Facility). This letter satisfies the requirements of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement for Remedial Investigation and Source Control Measures, effective November 4, 2000, which includes the following for the reporting period October through December 2011:

- Actions performed under the VCP Agreement
- Data generated
- Problems experienced and resolution
- Actions scheduled for the next reporting period (January through March 2012)

Actions Performed under the VCP Agreement:

- Received DEQ comments on the July 22 Work Plan in a letter dated October 12, 2011.
- Conducted a meeting between Port and DEQ on November 2, 2011 to discuss the July 22 Work Plan and the DEQ requested Residual Risk Assessment (RRA).
- Submitted an email to DEQ on November 9, 2011 presenting a proposed schedule for remaining source control actions at the site.
- Submitted an email to DEQ on November 28, 2011 presenting the proposed approach for preparation of the requested RRA.
- Initiated preparation of a decision framework for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road area.
- Provided an electronic copy on December 16, 2011 of the 2007 *Baseline Risk Assessment* (BRA) to DEQ and Oregon Health Authority.
- Received DEQ comments on the RRA approach in a letter dated December 20, 2011 and initial preparation of a comment response.

Data Generated:

- None.

Problems Experienced and Resolution:

- None.

Actions Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period (January through March 2012):

- Submit response to DEQ letter dated December 20, 2011.
- Submit decision framework for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road area following DEQ approval of RRA approach.
- Revise the streamlined Work Plan for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road area.
- Implement the revised Work Plan upon approval by DEQ.
- Work on the *Source Control Evaluation Report*.

Please call me at (503) 415-6325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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